



Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.

September 12, 1931 - April 5, 2026

SMITH, SR. Mr. Joseph - Age 94, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2026, at Willowbrook Manor. Family Hour 1:30 PM Friday, April 17, 2026, from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM, Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd., Flint, Michigan. Family and friends will assemble at the Funeral Home, 1:30 PM Friday. Mr. Smith will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and will be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday with family present 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Joseph Smith Sr. was born September 12, 1931, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, the son of Robert Smith and Irene Brown Finley. He was a resident of Flint, Michigan. Joseph grew up and attended school in Clarksdale, MS. He married the late Millie Booker on December 25, 1949 and from this union seven children were born. They moved to Flint in 1949. Joseph worked two jobs to take care of his Family. He retired from Chevrolet Manufacturing "Down-in-the-Hole", a division of General Motors Corporation, after forty-seven years of service.

Joseph also worked at Betty Richards downtown Flint for 15 Years. He loved working in his yard and garden. Joseph was very charitable, donating to several organizations. He loved keeping up on current events. Joseph enjoyed playing cards and decorating his house for Christmas. People would

drive by just to admire his decorations. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Mr. Joseph Smith Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: children, Joan Brooks, Ida Harkless-Gibson, Margaret Smith, Joseph Smith Jr. and Alonzo Smith; 27 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; siblings, Elizabeth (Earnest) Smith, Genevieve (Cedric) Rossell, Louise Smith, Willie Finley and Tommy (Pat) Finley; 4 step-brothers; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Millie Smith; children, Rosie and Michael Smith; parents, Robert Smith and Irene Finley; siblings, Robert Smith Jr., Tommie Lee, Oscar Finley and Lola Watkins.

The Family would like to express special thanks to McLaren-Flint, Willow Brook Manor of Flint and Billy Anthony.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **16**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
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Family Present

APR **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Family hour

APR 17. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.* ”



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - April 17 at 12:50 PM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.* ”



Aileen Spence - April 17 at 08:57 AM

AS

“ *Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.* ”



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“ Aileen Spence sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Aileen Spence - April 17 at 08:56 AM

GC

“ My condolences to the family much respect and love 1st Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 13 through 18 words of comfort much love brother Cooper 🙏🙏💕

Gary A Cooper - April 16 at 06:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..



April 16 at 02:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..



April 16 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..

April 16 at 11:56 AM



“ From Eric & Tawanna Randle purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..



From Eric & Tawanna Randle - April 15 at 07:55 PM



“ To Joseph,
So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad.
You have my deepest condolence.
PRAYING FOR YOU



Sharon Jackson - April 15 at 12:27 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..



April 15 at 12:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr..

April 15 at 12:04 PM



“ Vivian Green-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Vivian Green-Moore - April 14 at 09:13 PM



“ I never had the pleasure of meeting you, Sir.. but you've always been spoke of with love & much respect by my cousin, Billy.. your other son! Your race is run, you can now take your eternal rest with, God. May your beloved family be granted all that they'll need for the journey ahead. Brother Zo, & Joe, and family.. be at peace and not in pieces. You all have many memories to carry you through, until you meet, your Father, again. With love & prayers. ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



Teresa Re-Re Anthony & Family - April 13 at 01:01 AM

PS

“ Joe was my neighbor. We lived across the street from each other. I would see him out working in his yard and we would stop to chat. It was always a pleasure to see his home lit up for Christmas... I'd enjoy seeing the lights from my front window. Years ago, his wife, Millie, and I would walk around the neighborhood together. I didn't know either Millie or Joe well, but appreciated them both as good neighbors.



Patti Steininger - April 12 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ Dover And Streeter Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Dover and Streeter family - April 11 at 07:03 PM

CF

“ Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Clark Family - April 10 at 10:21 AM

CS

“ Colleen R SMITH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Colleen R SMITH - April 09 at 07:11 PM

RM

“ Rosie Mcfadden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Rosie Mcfadden - April 09 at 12:15 PM

IB

“ Ivy Blount lit a candle in memory of Joseph Smith



Ivy Blount - April 08 at 09:44 PM

LH

“ Prayers and condolence to the Smith Family. Papa Joe will be missed. May God give you all strength to get through this most difficult time.

Larry & Shirley Henderson - April 08 at 07:24 PM

CS

“ My condolences to my OPB family 🙏🙏🙏



Cliffton Sykes - April 08 at 06:43 PM

SW

“ Sharon Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Smith



Sharon Williams - April 07 at 01:16 AM

CG

“ Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Smith Sr.



Carol Gardner - April 06 at 02:56 PM

SR

“ Sandra RawlsPayne sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Smith



Sandra RawlsPayne - April 06 at 12:00 PM